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1. IN ADDITION LENGTHY REVIEW ATTEMPTED COUP/INVASION OF JULY 2 (RETEL), PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S JULY 12 FACE-THE-NATION ADDRESS INCLUDED PLETHORA OF POSITIVE DETAIL ABOUT HIS US TRIP. HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT FORD VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, ESPECIALLY LEGANON AND IMPORTANCE OF CONFENING GENEVA CONFERENCE. GOS SUPPORTS AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA AS STATED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN LUSAKA, AND NIMEIRI HOPEFUL USG WILL TRANSLATE THIS SUPPORT INTO "AID AND REINFORCEMENT TO AFRICAN ANTI-RACIST MOVEMENTS." ALLEGING SOUTH AFRICA (SIC) MIGHT CEASE TO SUPPLY US CHROME NEEDS, HE HAD MADE CLEAR SUDAN POSSESSES SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSITS. (COMMENT: ANNUAL SUDANESE PRODUCTION IS ESTIMATED 25,000 TONS HIGH GRADE ORE PER ANNUM).

2. TERMING US BEST MODEL OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SUDAN'S VAST POTENTIAL, NIMEIRI SAID SUDAN EAGER TO ADOPT AMERICAN MODEL AND STYLE. HE CONTINUED BY ENUMERATING VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED
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WITH STATES HE VISITED, PARTICULARLY TEN "AGREEMENTS

WITH GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE." (COMMENT: DETAILS OF "AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED HERE THROUGHOUT TOUR BEING POUCHED IN OUR A-68). NIMEIRI STRESSED THAT DOOR IS WIDE OPEN TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND CALLED ON GOS OFFICIALS TO FACILITATE ITS FLOW INTO SUDAN.

3. COMMENT: NIMEIRI'S THREE-HOUR MARATHON NO DOUBT REFLECTED HIS DESIRE THAT HIS OBLIGATORY COVERAGE OF RECENT ABORTIVE COUP NOT OBSCURE THE SUCCESS OF HIS US TOUR TO WHICH HE DEVOTED FIRST THIRD OF HIS REMARKS. EVEN IF ONLY A PORTION OF NUMEROUS BUSINESS, ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENTS AHJ OFFICIAL VISITS OUTLINED BY THE PRESIDENT DO MATERIALIZE, NIMEIRI'S TRIP WILL HAVE BEEN GREAT SUCCESS IN STIMULATING AMERICAN INTEREST IN SUDAN. MEANWHILE, NIMEIRI HAS CLEARLY UNDERSCORED HIS DESIRE FOR CLOSE, LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH US ACROSS THE BOARD. BREWER

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